

NOMINATION OF JAMES J. BRADY, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

The legislative clerk read the nomination of James J. Brady, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of James J. Brady, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana?

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 83, nays 16, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 111 Ex.]

YEAS—83

Abraham	Durbin	Lugar
Akaka	Edwards	McConnell
Ashcroft	Feingold	Mikulski
Baucus	Feinstein	Moynihan
Bayh	Fitzgerald	Murkowski
Bennett	Frist	Murray
Bingaman	Graham	Reed
Bond	Grassley	Reid
Boxer	Gregg	Robb
Breaux	Hagel	Rockefeller
Brownback	Harkin	Roth
Bryan	Hatch	Santorum
Burns	Hollings	Sarbanes
Byrd	Hutchinson	Schumer
Campbell	Inouye	Sessions
Chafee, L.	Jeffords	Shelby
Cleland	Johnson	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Kennedy	Snowe
Collins	Kerrey	Specter
Conrad	Kerry	Stevens
Coverdell	Kohl	Thomas
Craig	Landrieu	Thurmond
Crapo	Lautenberg	Torricelli
Daschle	Leahy	Voinovich
DeWine	Levin	Warner
Dodd	Lieberman	Wellstone
Domenici	Lincoln	Wyden
Dorgan	Lott	

NAYS—16

Allard	Helms	Nickles
Bunning	Hutchison	Roberts
Enzi	Inhofe	Smith (NH)
Gorton	Kyl	Thompson
Gramm	Mack	
Grams	McCain	

NOT VOTING—1

Biden

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF MARY A. McLAUGHLIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Mary A. McLaughlin, of

Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise in strong support of the nomination of Mary McLaughlin to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Those of us on the Judiciary Committee know Ms. McLaughlin from her outstanding work as Special Counsel for our Terrorism Subcommittee during the Ruby Ridge investigation in 1995. During those hearings, Ms. McLaughlin demonstrated precisely the qualities we want in a federal judge—she is intelligent, fair-minded, tough, possesses a judicial temperament, and is deeply committed to the cause of justice. Once we put her on the bench, she is going to be a terrific federal judge.

Our Ruby Ridge subcommittee ran the ideological gamut. Yet Ms. McLaughlin gained the respect and admiration of all of our colleagues from both parties who worked with her—Senators SPECTER, THOMPSON, ABRAHAM, THURMOND, LEAHY, FEINSTEIN, GRASSLEY, and CRAIG—for the skill and professionalism she brought to her work. Let me make special mention of how tough and persistent Ms. McLaughlin was when the Justice Department was “less than enthusiastic” about supplying us with documents. Largely as a result of her efforts, we obtained the information that we needed, and our investigation went on to become a true model of bipartisan cooperation.

Beyond her service to the U.S. Senate, Ms. McLaughlin has stellar credentials for a judgeship. She is a senior partner in the leading Philadelphia law firm of Dechert, Price and Rhoads, where her practice has concentrated in a myriad of complex litigation matters. She was a recipient of a 1998 “Women of Distinction” Award from the Philadelphia Business Journal, the National Association of Women Business Owners, and The Forum of Executive Women. Her career has also included teaching at the law schools of Vanderbilt University, the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University. In addition, Ms. McLaughlin served for four years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia where, Mr. President, she put criminals behind bars. Not surprisingly, given this stellar record, she was unanimously rated “well qualified” by the American Bar Association.

Unfortunately, a few outside groups have raised questions about her candidacy based on a small portion of Ms. McLaughlin's pro bono work. While it is true that she is a person of strong convictions, none is stronger than her dedication to the Rule of Law. In other words, I am confident that she will in all cases apply the law, not make it.

I wouldn't say that about everybody who has been nominated for a federal judgeship in recent years.

Mr. President, Ms. McLaughlin deserves the type of strong, bipartisan support from the entire Senate that she has already obtained from those of us who worked with her on Ruby Ridge. “There's something about Mary's” record of distinguished public service, her professional experience, her legal talents, and her personal integrity that will make her an outstanding Judge on the Eastern District bench. I urge my colleagues to swiftly confirm her.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Mary A. McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania? On this question the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 86, nays 14, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 112 Ex.]

YEAS—86

Abraham	Feingold	Mack
Akaka	Feinstein	McCain
Ashcroft	Frist	McConnell
Baucus	Gorton	Mikulski
Bayh	Graham	Moynihan
Bennett	Grassley	Murkowski
Biden	Gregg	Murray
Bingaman	Hagel	Reed
Bond	Harkin	Reid
Boxer	Hatch	Robb
Breaux	Hollings	Rockefeller
Bryan	Hutchinson	Roth
Burns	Hutchison	Santorum
Byrd	Inouye	Sarbanes
Campbell	Jeffords	Schumer
Chafee, L.	Johnson	Sessions
Cleland	Kennedy	Shelby
Cochran	Kerrey	Smith (OR)
Collins	Kerry	Snowe
Conrad	Kohl	Specter
Coverdell	Kyl	Stevens
Craig	Landrieu	Thomas
Crapo	Lautenberg	Thompson
Daschle	Leahy	Thurmond
Dodd	Levin	Torricelli
Domenici	Lieberman	Warner
Dorgan	Lincoln	Wellstone
Durbin	Lott	Wyden
Edwards	Lugar	

NAYS—14

Allard	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Brownback	Gramm	Roberts
Bunning	Grams	Smith (NH)
DeWine	Helms	Voinovich
Enzi	Inhofe	

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the nominations enumerated in the order are confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider are laid upon the table, the President will be notified of the Senate's actions, and the Senate will return to legislative session.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Christopher C. Gallagher, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and